

Was It the Guardian Angel?

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Percival and Arnold Stewart, brothers, enlisted when the pan-European war broke out in a regiment of infantry and crossed the channel into Belgium. That was when the Germans were driving the allies southward, and it was expected that they would drive right through Paris.

One evening, when the Germans were pushing the allies toward Lille, the regiment with which the Stewart brothers served made a stand. The Stewarts were in the same company and fought shoulder to shoulder. Percival was two years older than Arnold and kept an eye on his brother, dreading every instant to see him fall to the ground. Presently, true enough, what he feared came to pass. Arnold fell, literally torn to pieces by a bursting shell.

Maddened at the sight, Percival pushed forward, but the stand of the British was only a temporary one, and the order was given to fall back. The young soldier, exasperated at not being permitted to wreak his vengeance on those who had killed his brother, refused to retreat and, remaining behind, continued to fire at the enemy. But presently, seeing blood on one of his hands, he knew that he had been hit and followed his comrades.

By this time darkness had fallen, and Stewart saw the retreating British line through the gloaming. They were to make a lengthy retreat this time, for the French were being pushed back rapidly, and the British, who were on their flank, had a greater distance than they to go to keep the alignment. Percival was marching some 500 yards behind them. The enemy on that part of the field had taroed forward skirmishers to harass their retreat.

Percival trudged along, following the men ahead of him, at times trying to catch up with them. He had been shot in the arm, but fortunately the artery had not been cut, for in this case he would have bled to death. His mind was on the brother he had lost, and neither his condition nor his surroundings engaged his attention.

Stragglers were hurrying past him, and he was passing stragglers. The former were in better condition than he, and the latter were mostly more severely wounded. But there was one who neither seemed to gain nor lose on Percival. He was in Percival's rear and a couple of yards behind him. How Percival became conscious of the man's presence he did not know, for he heard no sound coming from his follower. He was simply conscious that some one was behind him. Turning, he saw through the darkness what appeared to be a person. Whether he was old or young, soldier or citizen, Stewart could not tell. He only knew that some one was there.

The soldier trudged on, or, rather, staggered on, for by this time he was very weak from loss of blood. Now and again a bullet whistled past him, sent by some skirmisher, but none came dangerously near him. Twice during the retreat he looked back and both times saw his shadow in the same relative position as before. Once when he turned a flash from a distant cannon slightly increased his vision, and he saw the person behind him a trifle more clearly.

For an instant there was a flash of joy in his heart, for from the glimpse he got of the person's face it seemed to be that of his brother, Arnold. But he had seen his brother blown to atoms, and he knew this could not be. Nevertheless, from the time of this instantaneous view he became impressed that there was some connection between this figure and Arnold.

Presently, when the skirmish line was passing so near the British line as to harass them with scattered shots, the Englishmen sent back a small force to drive back their followers. This line passed Percival, dashed in among the German skirmishers and drove them back upon their own main force.

Percival, who was now safe with his own comrades, looked for the man who had been trudging behind him. He had vanished.

On reaching the British lines Stewart found himself among those who had been near him on the retreat.

"Who was the fellow behind you?" asked a man who had traveled near him.

"Directly in my rear?"

"Yes."

"Did you see any one?"

"I did, and he got between you and a German just in time to save you from a bullet. The German was about to fire, but he saw you and he stopped."

Stewart asked no more questions. What he thought was the result of

feeling rather than reason. It was far stronger than reason. Indeed, no one could persuade him that the spirit of his brother had not followed him and protected him from death. During the past half century the belief in the guardian angel has greatly deteriorated. This is simply because there has been so much of the marvelous in science that it has overshadowed all that is inexplicable by nature's laws. But our knowledge of these laws is infinitesimal. There are those today who are looking for some scientific connection with those who have passed into the great unknown.

NO CHRISTIAN AT CORONATION.

Only Representative of Buddhist and Shinto Religions.

Japan has decided to adhere to her original intention not to invite representatives of the Christian religion to the coronation ceremonies of Emperor Yoshihito. Japanese Christians tried to induce the court and government to change the original plans on the ground that Christianity is now one of the prominent religions of the empire, but the authorities have decided that only a representative of the Buddhist and Shinto religions will attend the Kioto ceremonies.

Lincoln's Rifle Sells For \$285.

A rifle purchased by Abraham Lincoln and Henry Brooner for \$15 when they lived in Spencer county, Indiana, and which was used by the famous war president in deer hunting, brought \$285 in a sale of Lincoln relics in New York. It was a part of the collection of John E. Burton, of Milwaukee. One of Lincoln's law books was sold for \$95.

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PRUSSIAN CASUALTIES.

Figures Cover Losses to Nov. 20 of 2,524,460 Men.

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary undersecretary for war, made the statement in the house of commons that the total number of casualties published in the official lists for Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria and Wurttemberg up to November 20 were 2,524,460.

Of this number, Mr. Tennant added, 484,228 men were killed or died of their wounds; 354,198 were severely wounded; 27,674 died of disease, and 381,149 were missing. Naval casualties, he said, were not included in these figures.

Turks Sink Ships, Report.

Turkish batteries sunk two enemy ships and successfully prevented a landing of Allies forces at Tekke Burnu. The Turkish war office statement says:

"On the Dardanelles front our artillery silenced three batteries of the enemy. We successfully operated against trench diggers of the enemy, destroying a part of their trenches."

France's Youngest Soldier.

The youngest soldier in the French army is said to be Jacques Viriot, who is officially accredited to the Ninety-fifth regiment of Foot. He is 12 years old. A photo of the boy shows him in uniform smoking a huge German pipe which he had found in a trench captured from the Germans by the French.

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THE ONLY GOOD WAY TO KEEP MILK SWEET

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When milk or cream is sold from the farm, doubtless the farmer has often had losses due to the products becoming sour. Whether the milk or cream is intended for the table, the creamery or the milk market, it must be sweet if it is to bring the best price.

To keep milk sweet, just two simple things must be carefully looked after: (1) It must be cooled as completely and as quickly after milking as possible, and (2) absolute cleanliness of pails, cans, and cows must be secured. If this is done, thunder storms will no longer sour the milk. The warm, damp weather which we have just before thunder storms really does tend to cause milk to sour because it has not been properly cared for.



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Something Very Like It.

"That was a hard looking customer I just passed," said a traveler in Ireland to his companion. "Faith, sorry, he's as bad as he looks," was Pat's reply. "He's done fifteen years for lavin' his wife widout visitin' manes of support." "Oh, come now, Pat! A man can't get fifteen years' penal servitude for that." "Shure, an' can't he, sorr?" said Pat, with a roguish twinkle in his eye. "He did, though. And, bedad, isn't it lavin' your wife widout visible manes of support when ye throw her out of a window on the 'third floor'?"

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